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Solid Oral Dosage Form Containing an Enhancer

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b), enclosed herewith is "Form PTO-1449 Modified". The status of the present application is that applicants are awaiting a first Action on the merits.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to a solid oral dosage form comprising: (A) a pharmaceutically-active ingredient; and (B) an enhancer which enhances the bioavailability and/or the absorption of said pharmaceutically-active ingredient.

The invention of the present application is defined in the following claim forms: (A) a solid oral dosage form comprising a pharmaceutically active ingredient and an enhancer which enhances the bioavailability and/or the absorpotion of said pharmaceutically-active ingredient; (B) a method of treatment of a medical condition comprising the step of administering to a patient the solid oral dosage form described in (A); and (C) a process for the manufacture of the solid oral dosage form described in (A).

The Publications

Copies of the following publications are enclosed.

Documents AA to AD, AG, AI, AJ, AM, and AN on Sheet 1 and Documents AA to AD and AG to AI on Sheet 2 relate to the use of an enhancer which enhances the bioavailability and/or the absorption of a pharmaceutically-active ingredient.

Documents AH and AK on Sheet 1 relate to a solid oral dosage form comprising: (A) a pharmaceutically active agent; and (B) a film-coating which dissolves at certain pH values.

Document AL on Sheet 1 relates to a method for making pharmaceutical tablets.

Documents AE and AF on Sheet 2 relate to a model for studying drug absorption.

Document AC on Sheet 1 is an English-language equivalent of EP 0,370,481. Documents AL to AN on Sheet 1 are English-language abstracts of foreign patents.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

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